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Applicant: V. Hansen Attorney Docket No.: PRBU115349
Application No.: 09/607,502 Group Art Unit: 3624
Filed: June 28, 2000 Examiner: G.R. Akers
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING AND EVALUATING
NETWORK COMMODITIES PURCHASING

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 /
PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application, in which prosecution is closed.

- ☒ 1. A submission as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted as follows:
- ☐ a. Please consider the Amendment/Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .
 - ☐ b. Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on , which arguments are hereby incorporated by reference.
 - ☒ c. An Amendment/Response is enclosed herewith.
 - ☐ d. An Information Disclosure Statement, as well as copies of the cited references, is being filed concurrently herewith.
- ☐ 2. A Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) was previously filed in the above-identified application and is pending prior to a decision on appeal. A notice has been submitted to the BPAI, under separate cover, that this RCE is being filed and that the appeal is hereby withdrawn.
- ☐ 3. A Notice of Allowance has been issued, and the issue fee has been paid, in the above-identified application. Enclosed herewith is a petition to withdraw this

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application from issue. The petition fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) is included in the enclosed check.

- _____ 4. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of . [The period of suspension may not exceed 3 months.] The processing fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is included in the enclosed check.
- _____ 5. Other documents enclosed are as follows: _____.
- X 6. Small entity status is as follows
- X a. Small entity status was previously asserted and continues to be appropriate.
- _____ b. Small entity status is asserted in this matter.
- X 7. Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the final Office Action, dated June 10, 2003, set to expire on September 10, 2003, be extended by 1 month, to expire on October 10, 2003. The enclosed check includes the 1-month extension fee of \$55.00.
- X 8. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated below.
- X a. No claims in excess of the number previously submitted are being added.
- _____ b. The enclosed amendment adds claims in excess of the number previously paid for. The claim fees are calculated as shown.

COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed After Any Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Basic RCE Filing Fee	-	=	x	=	385
Total Claims	36	= 36	0 x	9	= 0
Independent Claims	3	= 3	0 x	43	= 0
Extension of Time			+	55	55
TOTAL					\$440

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- X 9. Check No. 151429 in the amount of \$440.00, as computed above, is enclosed in payment of the required fees for filing the present request for continued examination.
- X 10. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this request is enclosed.

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